

given to the S. S. C. E., and a very pleasing and profitable program, consisting of papers, addresses and music, was rendered. J. H. Knepper, in the absence of Mrs. Knepper, made her report, showing that during the year she had collected \$116 for the Superannuated Minister's Fund.

Business Sessions of the S. S. C. E.

In the absence of the president and vice president of the National Society of the S. S. C. E., the Executive committee called a meeting to transact business, with Miss Alice Harley of Allentown, Pa., acting as temporary president. In the absence of the secretary, Ida Simmonds of Goshen, Ind., was elected by acclamation to act in that capacity.

The president appointed a committee on enrollment of delegates as follows: Mrs. John Keim, Louisville, O.; Mrs. Ellen Lichty, Falls City, Neb.; Miss Maud Wingard, Flora, Ind.

The committee on enrollment reported thirty-three delegates present and one society represented by letter.

A motion prevailed that the National treasurer receive the list of delegates enrolled and check off names as they pay their fee of fifty cents for the first delegate and twenty-five cents for each additional delegate.

The National President's report was read and accepted. The report of the treasurer was read and accepted.

The second session of the S. S. C. E. was opened with song and prayer by Mrs. Sarah Keim. The partial report of the former session was read and adopted.

The names of the members of the Executive Board elected by the delegates from the respective states and districts are as follows: Ohio—Mrs. Sarah Keim, Ashland; Mrs. Clara W. Miller, Ashland. Pennsylvania—Mrs. J. H. Knepper, Meyersdale; Miss Alice Harley, Allentown. Indiana—Mrs. Alice E. Augustine, South Bend; Miss Maud Wingard, Flora. Michigan—Mrs. Phebe Darby and Mrs. Sattie C. Leslie, Battle Creek. Illiokota—Mrs. R. R. Teeter, Milledgeville, Ill.; Mrs. Clara Brenaman, Cerro Gordo, Ill. Kanemorado—Mrs. John Lichty, Falls City, Neb.; Miss Zourie L. Saylor, Morrill, Kans. Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia—Mrs. Laura E. N. Hedrick, Dayton, Va.; Miss Vianna Detwiler, Ridgely, Md. California, Oregon and Nevada—Mrs. Lizzie Wolfe, Lathrop, Calif.; Mrs. Katie Shively, Lathrop, Calif.

The Executive committee reported the National officers as follows: President, Vianna Detwiler; Vice President, Mrs. Sarah Keim; Secretary, Mrs. Clara W. Miller; Treasurer, Mrs. Alice Augustine.

The motion prevailed that the National President continue her work in the field not less than three months of the year and as much longer as she deems necessary.

A letter from J. and C. L. Nickolson of Lathrop, Calif., regarding his pension of \$5.00 per month was read before the meeting. A motion prevailed that Brother and Sister Nicholson's fund be increased to \$10.00 per month.

It was also unanimously decided to continue Brother Holsinger's pension.

The former committee on soliciting funds for the superannuated ministers was continued. This committee consists of Mrs. J. H. Knepper, Meyersdale, Pa.; Mrs. Sattie C. Leslie, Battle Creek, Mich.; Mrs. Mary Wise, Oval City, O.; Mrs. John Lichty, Falls City, Neb.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

SUNDAY SERVICES

The Sunday-school session was held at 9:30 o'clock, Samuel Lichty, Superintendent. Six hundred and sixty-nine names were enrolled in the various classes and the offering was \$48.36.

E. E. Haskins preached the sermon at 10:30. Brother Haskins made a great effort. His theme

was, "The Forceful Church." The offering was \$35.55. Both offerings were given to the General Mission Board.

At 1:30 P. M. was a Junior Rally, conducted by C. F. Yoder and Miss Chandler. At 2:30 a Foreign Missionary meeting was held. Addresses were made by J. C. Mackey and W. D. Furry. The evening sermon was preached by Louis S. Bauman.

The seventh session of the Conference convened Monday morning at 9 o'clock. A. R. Bennenderfer led the devotional services.

The auditing committee made its report thru R. R. Teeter. The report is as follows: We, the committee appointed to audit the report of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Brethren Publication Board, have examined the same and have found it correct so far as we are able to discover. But we also found that it is impossible to get an intelligent understanding of the exact condition of affairs without access to all books and accounts of the office.

DANIEL CROFFORD.

J. C. MACKAY.

R. R. TEETER.

Samuel Lichty was granted leave to offer some suggestion looking toward the improvement of the condition of the publishing interest of the church. The suggestions were referred to the committee on resolutions.

The resignation of G. W. Rensch as a member of the Board of Publication was accepted. J. C. Cassel's term of office as a member of the Board of Publication having expired, the Conference proceeded to the election of two members. A. H. Lichty was elected for one year to fill the unexpired term of G. W. Rensch. J. C. Cassel re-elected for the term of five years.

The executive committee having met and organized, reported the following officers: President, J. H. Knepper; Secretary, G. W. Rensch.

The committee on Resolutions made the following report:

First. He will not forget to give God the glory for the blessings and guidance that have been manifest during this our last and best Conference.

Second. We desire to express our appreciation of the beautiful grounds we occupy and of the continued kindness of the Winona Assembly toward us. We are glad that our Brethren of means are securing cottages and hope that others may do so. We also recommend that our Brethren come to our Conference in time for the Bible Conference preceeding.

Third. We thank the officers of the Conference for their faithful service, also those that have kindly and ably assisted in the music.

Fourth. It is with joy that we note the increasing interest of our Brethren in the cause of missions and express our conviction that our General Board should carefully and prayerfully, but steadily take definite steps toward establishing missions where the Gospel is not known. We recommend especially that our Mission Board in some way promote the study of mission fields by our people during the present year.

Fifth. We approve the work that our auxiliary societies are doing and bid them take courage and go on.

Sixth. We desire to oppose the traffic in intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes with all our power. Total abstinence is the only safe ground for Christians. We regret that many of the army officers as well as many in high places at Washington favor a law for government saloons at all army camps and military posts. We demand the abolition of the drink traffic everywhere, especially in our National Soldier's Home. It is a burning shame to see the old defenders of the Nation debauched and robbed by permission of the government they saved. Christian professors who favor the election of Senators and Congress-men who will not abolish the saloons under the national Capitol and in all places under the sole jurisdic-

tion of the United States are putting Christ to an open shame. No professing Christian can consistently favor the election of officials who will license or tax the traffic or provide for its continuance in any form or in any place. We view with alarm the increased exportations of liquors to the Philippines and our new possessions. We demand that the government forbid the farther debauching of these child-peoples. Under present conditions the work of the missionary of the Cross is greatly hindered in these places. We call upon all our people especially the ministers to be constant in speaking along the line of these resolutions, and to practice what they preach, to vote as they pray. We also ask that the program committees of State and District Conferences provide topics or sessions for the education of our people in methods of assisting social reforms.

Seventh. We regard the use of tobacco as an evil demanding more opposition than it receives and we call upon our people to bestir themselves against it.

Eighth. We recommend that one member of the Board of Publication reside at Ashland and serve as book-keeper in the office of the EVANGELIST, and in every way represent the Board in business affairs; that he receive and disburse all funds and make a complete financial report to the General Conference; that delinquent accounts against persons in any place be sent to the church in that community, if any, and these churches be urged to collect or pay the same; that the twenty persons holding each a \$125 Bond against the Board of Publication are hereby given an urgent invitation to bring their bonds to the next General Conference and make a bond fire of them; that when funds are needed in the office, the Board, and not the editor shall borrow them; that any deficit in the business for each conference year shall be raised before Conference adjourns; that there be held during each Conference a Rally for the Publication Board, and we especially urge more contributions from our people to our Literature.

Ninth. That we recommend our Executive Committee to provide for a six days' session of Conference instead of five days as heretofore; and that a provisional program be arranged before leaving this conference to be published along with the Winona program.

Z. T. LIVENGOD,

ROGER DARLING,

C. F. YODER.

It was moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed to formulate a body of rules and order of business for General Conference, such rules and order of business to supercede all preceding ones and that this committee report at the opening of the next General Conference. The following committee was appointed: J. A. Miller, W. D. Furry, Samuel Lichty.

It was moved and carried that the Committee on Rules and the committee on the tabulation of the minutes of former conferences be printed in the "Church Annual"

The report of the Committee on Disbursements made its report thru J. C. Cassel. The report was accepted.

The final business session of Conference convened Monday afternoon at 2:30. Devotional services were conducted by B. H. Flora.

W. H. Miller, statistician, made his annual report. The following is a condensed report:

Number of churches reported,	164
" " members "	11542
" " " not reported,	2310
Total membership (approximate)	13852
Average church membership,	70
Number of church houses owned,	134
" " " " " in part,	13
Preaching in halls,	54
Parsonages owned,	10
Total places of worship,	201
Revivals held last year,	139